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VIDEO SIMULATION METHOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following heading and paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to European application No. 01301279.4, filed February 13, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 4-6, 8 and 12 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said video clip (V) is selected on the basis of one or more predetermined rules dependent on said selected parameter values (I1-I6; F1-F9).

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the set of parameter values for one of said parameter options is selected from a superset of possible parameter values, dependent on the selection of a parameter value of another one of said parameter options.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, including displaying a preceding video clip (V) on said display means (7) before step f, wherein said video clip (V) is further selected on the basis of user input actuations during said preceding video clip (V).

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, including displaying variable indicia (P1-P9) indicating the progress of the video clip (V).

12. (Amended) A computer program arranged to perform the method according to claim 1.

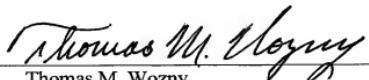
REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to make of record the claim to priority and to rewrite a number of the claims to eliminate their multiple dependency and to bring these claims into the proper format for U.S. prosecution.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicant believes the application is in condition for examination and respectfully requests same.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 4-6, 8 and 12 have been rewritten as follows:

4. (Amended) A method according to ~~claim 2 or claim 3~~claim 1, wherein said video clip (V) is selected on the basis of one or more predetermined rules dependent on said selected parameter values (I1-I6; F1-F9).

5. (Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the set of parameter values for one of said parameter options is selected from a superset of possible parameter values, dependent on the selection of a parameter value of another one of said parameter options.

6. (Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, including displaying a preceding video clip (V) on said display means (7) before step f, wherein said video clip (V) is further selected on the basis of user input actuations during said preceding video clip (V).

8. (Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, including displaying variable indicia (P1-P9) indicating the progress of the video clip (V).

12. (Amended) A computer program arranged to perform the method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1.